SHORT NOTICE QUESTIONS.

PRESIDENT: Order, order. I wish to point out to the honourable members of this House that certain short notice questions have been put to me by honourable members. One of those questions for instance, is whether the Government have received any representation from the coolies engaged in the construction of the Sri Chitra Thirunal Road in Parur taluk, regarding the hardships caused to them by their not being paid their wages regularly, and if so, the action taken thereon. Obviously we cannot answer short notice questions of that kind where information has to be ascertained from Parur and therefore I would suggest to honourable members who wish to put short notice questions to do so in cases where reports are not to be called for or information obtained from outside the capital. I have to disallow those questions. But I should like not to do so and I invite the co-operation of the honourable members in regard to this matter.

REPRESENTATION IN THE WAR SUPPLIES COMMITTEE.

I am glad to be able to announce to this House that the Government of India have agreed to give representation to Travancore in the War Supplies Committee. (Applause)

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS.

THE TRAVANCORE PROVIDENT FUNDS BILL.

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Legal Remembrancer to Government*): Sir, I rise to present the Report of the Select Committee appointed to consider the Travancore Provident Funds Bill and move that the Bill as revised by the Select Committee be taken into consideration.

MR. A. GOPALA MENON: I second it.

The question was put and carried.

Clause 1.

The question that Clause 1 do stand part of the Bill was put and carried.

The clause was added to the bill.

Clause 2.

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI: I move that:

> In sub-clause (b) of Clause 2, the words "and contributory Provident Fund means a Provident Fund the rules of which provide for the crediting of contributions" shall be deleted.

MR. A. GOPALA MENON: Sir, I second it.

The motion was put to vote and adopted.

The question that Clause 2 as amended do stand part of the Bill was put and carried.

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The clause as amended was added to the Bill.

Clauses 3 to 7.

The question that Clauses 3 to 7 do stand part of the Bill was put and carried.

Clauses 3 to 7 were added to the Bill.

Clause 8.

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI: Sir, I move the following amendment:

> In clause 8, a comma shall be substituted for the full-stop occurring at the end of the clause, and the following shall be added thereafter, namely;—
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> "and, on the making of such notification, this Act, shall apply accordingly, as if such Provident Fund were a Government Provident Fund and such Company, Municipality or Institution were the Government".

It is only to amplify the existing provision contained in Clause 8. The addition is merely formal.

MR. A. GOPALA MENON: I second it.

The motion was adopted.

The question that clause 8 as amended do stand part of the Bill was put to vote and carried.

The clause as amended was added to the Bill.

Third Reading of the Bill.

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI: Sir, I propose to move for the third reading of the bill and request that the standing order be suspended and permission granted.

PRESIDENT: Yes.

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI: I beg to move that in Clause 1, sub-clause (i) the figure 6 may be inserted after 111.

The motion was put to vote and carried.

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI: Sir, I move that the Bill be passed.

The motion was put to vote and passed.

THE TRAVANCORE PAYMENT OF WAGES BILL.

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI: Sir, I rise to present the Report of the Select Committee appointed to consider the Travancore Payment of Wages Bill and move that the bill as revised be taken up for consideration.

MR. A. GOPALA MENON: I second it.

The question that the Bill be considered was put to vote and carried.

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